



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 21, 2019
PLACE: Regional District Office Staffroom, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT:
DIRECTORS: Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (Chair)
Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Larry Houley, Alternate, Electoral Area 'E';
STAFF: Shawn Dahlen, CAO
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Kelsey Bates, Executive Secretary
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary
GUESTS: PNG - Gasification
Dwain McRae, ASCT, Manager of Operations
Brock John, Director Business Development and Stakeholder Relations
ABSENT:
DIRECTORS: Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E'

CALL TO ORDER Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Sperling Hemp - Manufacturing, Processing
Director Hiebert 235 Road Concerns
Stackyard Fencing
Delegation to next Meeting

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

February 21, 2019
Agenda

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the February 21, 2019
meeting be adopted, including items of New Business:
Call to Order: The CAO will call the meeting to order
Election of Chair (Elected Director will assume the Chair)
DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of January 17, 2019
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
DELEGATIONS
D-1 (1 p.m.) PNG - Gasification Brock John, Director Business Development and Stakeholder
Relations, and Dwain McRae, ASCT, Manager of Operations

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CONTINUED):

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 January 14, 2019 - Allen Watson - Rural Sewer Issues

C-2 February 14, 2019 - Kevin Strasky - Rural Addressing

C-3 February 12, 2019 - Arthur Hadland - PNG Billing

REPORTS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1 2019 Travel Arrangements

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Hemp - Manufacturing, Processing

NB-2 235 Road Concerns

NB-3 Stackyard Fencing

NB-4 Delegation to next Meeting

DIARY:

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1
January 21, 2019 EADC
meeting minutes

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of January 21, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Recess
Reconvene

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BA-1
ALC Report

Staff will develop a report on ALC subdivision applications, to be reviewed by the Directors at the end of the one year trial period, which includes how many times the application was denied by the ALC even though the application met zoning and/or OCP designation.

BA-2
Caribou Brochure

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley,
That the Caribou Brochure be placed on the Diary.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

D-1
PNG - Rural Gasification
and
C-3
Arthur Hadland Letter -
PNG Billing

Brock John, Director Business Development and Stakeholder Relations gave an update on the progress for expanding the supply of natural gas to rural residents in Prespatou, Wonowon and Tomslake. One concern for PNG is ensuring a fixed supply, one that would not be interrupted should the natural gas supply be re-directed to a more lucrative market at a later date.

Staff will forward PNG contact information for Joe Bergen in Prespatou, to arrange a meeting with the Prespatou Society in April.

The Directors discussed the high charges for Carbon Tax and why GST is being charged on the Carbon Tax in PNG monthly billings. PNG will forward staff information regarding carbon tax rates. PNG also suggested that Mr. Hadland be referred to the Customer Care Center for PNG as they will be able to walk him through the billing.

The Electoral Area Manager was given direction to respond to Mr. Hadland to advise him to contact the PNG Customer Care Center for a clear explanation regarding his concerns. The contact information for the Care Centre is on the reverse of the invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1
Allen Watson - Rural Sewer
Issues

A discussion ensued regarding the concerns stated in the letter from Mr. Allen Watson, a resident of Swan Lake.

In order to provide a waste (sewer) facility there would need to be a feasibility study done, followed by a referendum to create a service area. It was also mentioned that the cost to construct is quite large and no matter what system were to be used, there would always be a user-pay billing system.

The CAO and the Electoral Area Manager will provide a response to Mr. Watson on Area D letterhead.

C-2
Kevin Strasky - Rural
Addressing

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That Mr. Kevin Strasky be invited to meet with Protection Services to discuss his concerns regarding 9-1-1 Civic addressing, and how Canada Post has changed his mailing address from Farmington to the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED.

Staff are to send a letter to Canada Post inquiring about the process to change Farmington back to its community name.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1
2019 Travel Arrangements

Kelsey Bates, Executive Secretary discussed travel arrangements for the up-coming Union of British Columbia Municipalities, North Central Local Government Association and Federation of Canadian Municipalities conferences.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1
Hemp - Manufacturing
and Processing

Director Sperling advised that Mr. Siggs would like to attend the next EADC meeting as a delegation to explain his plans for the production of hemp products in the region.

NB-2
235 Road Residents

Director Hiebert discussed concerns from residents regarding smell and potential contamination of water along the 235 Road. It was noted that the water is tested regularly, as per the regulations.

NB-3
Stackyard Fencing

Director Hiebert reported back to the committee Directors that the stackyard fencing program ended in 2006 and there is no longer any funding in place.

NB-4
Delegation to the Next
EADC Meeting

Director Hiebert advised that he had invited Dan McLeod and Kathleen Connolly to give an update on the Alberta Synergy Group Conference and Alberta's Farmers' Advocacy Office to the next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CO-1 Fran Haughian, Communications Manager advised that the Board Highlights is produced on a quarterly-basis and that half of the February 2019 publication was dedicated to rural topics.

DIARY The directors reviewed the Diary.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary